

Application No. 10/615,176

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding Official Action mailed on April 1, 2004. This response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The drawings stand objected for not showing the features claimed in claim 24. In addition, claim 24 stands rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness. Claim 24 has been canceled.

Claims 20-22 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Werner.

Claims 20 and 23-25 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Jones.

Applicant notes with gratitude that claims 26-29 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 26-29 have been accordingly amended and claims 20-25 have been canceled. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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